

United States District Court

Eastern District of Missouri

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ORDER OF DETENTION

☒ PENDING TRIAL

PIERRE WATSON

Case Number: 4:08CR655 HEA

Defendant

In accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. §3142(f) a detention hearing has been held. I conclude that the following facts require the detention of the defendant pending trial in this case.

Part 1 - Findings of Fact

- ☐ (1) The defendant is charged with an offense described in 18 U.S.C. §3142(f)(1) and has been convicted of a (federal offense) (state or local offense that would have been a federal offense if a circumstance giving rise to federal jurisdiction had existed) that is
- ☐ a crime of violence as defined in 18 U.S.C. §3156(a)(4).
- ☐ an offense for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or death.
- ☐ an offense for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____
- ☐ a felony that was committed after the defendant had been convicted of two or more prior federal offenses described in 18 U.S.C. §3142(f)(1)(A)-(C), or comparable state or local offenses.
- ☐ (2) The offense described in finding (1) was committed while the defendant was on release pending trial for a federal, state or local offense.
- ☐ (3) A period of not more than five years has elapsed since the (date of conviction) (release of the defendant from imprisonment) for the offense described in finding (1).
- ☐ (4) Findings Nos. (1), (2) and (3) establish a rebuttable presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the safety of (an)other person(s) and the community. I further find that the defendant has not rebutted this presumption.

Alternative Findings (A)

- ☐ (1) There is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed an offense
- ☐ for which a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years or more is prescribed in _____
- ☐ under 18 U.S.C. §924(c).
- ☐ (2) The defendant has not rebutted the presumption established by finding 1 that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

Alternative Findings (B)

- ☒ (1) There is a serious risk that the defendant will not appear.
- ☒ (2) There is a serious risk that the defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

Defendant had numerous objections to the Pretrial Services Report (PSR) dated December 11, 2008, stating that he "did not recall" the prior criminal convictions listed on the following dates: 9/24/02 and 10/15/02, on p. 3; 2/27/04 and 3/15/06 on p. 4; the arrests for tampering, robbery and trespassing, listed on p. 4; and the exparte order of protection listed on p. 5. Neither party was able to present any further information related to these convictions. Subject to Defendant's objections, the Court adopts and incorporates the information contained in the PSR.

Part II - Written Statement of Reasons for Detention

I find that the credible testimony and information submitted at the hearing establishes by

☒ a preponderance of the evidence that ☒ clear and convincing evidence that

there is no condition or combination of conditions that will adequately assure Defendant's appearance and the safety of the community, for the reasons stated at the hearing and in the PSR. The Court notes that even if the Court were to accept most or all of Defendant's objections to the PSR, Defendant still has a substantial criminal history, a history of committing new offenses while on probation or parole for prior offenses, has been convicted under the name of an alias, and has a history of absconding from supervision. Defendant is also now facing charges that carry a substantial penalty, which could increase Defendant's incentive to flee. If Defendant obtains further information regarding his criminal history that he believes might cause the Court to reconsider this ruling, Defendant may file a motion for reconsideration.

Part III - Directions Regarding Detention

The defendant is committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the defendant to the United States marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

Dated: December 12, 2008

/s/ Audrey G. Fleissig

Signature of Judicial Officer

Audrey G. Fleissig, United States Magistrate Judge

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

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